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### 1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

VN SAYS OVER 95 PCT PRISONERS TAKEN AFTER SAIGON FELL WERE RELEASED. ADDS THOSE STILL IN JAIL COMMITTED SERIOUS CRIMES, MUST UNDERGO "PROLONGED REEDUCATION." NO EXACT FIGURES GIVEN (REUTER HK).

KING (NYT 1/30) REPORTS ON HARD TIMES IN SAIGON, BASED ON LETTERS TO RELATIVES/FRIENDS THAT GET OUT OF VN. NOTES HEAVY UNEMPLOYMENT/FOOD SHORTAGES WIDELY REPORTED IN SVN; HARDSHIP MAY INCREASE IN 1977.

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RTG POLICE SAY SEVERAL HUNDRED CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS RAIDED SEVERAL SMALL VILLAGES JUST INSIDE THAILAND IN MOST SERIOUS BORDER INCIDENT IN RECENT MOS (WP 1/30). RTG CALLS FOR SPECIAL MTG W/CAMBODIA; CHARGES AT LEAST 29 KILLED WHEN ESTIMATED 200 CAMBODIANS RAIDED 4 THAI VILLAGES. RTG MIL/ POLICE UNITS CONTINUE SEARCH FIGHTING AREA, ABOUT 135 MI E OF BANGKOK (AP, NYT).

BRAATON (WSTAR 1/30) QUOTES 2 JUST-DECLASSIFIED DOS CABLES IN WHICH SECSTATE ACHESON TOLD AMB STANTON AT BANGKOK TO

THREATEN CUTOFF US AID IF THAIS DID NOT SUPPORT VN'S  
BAO DAI. STANTON REPLIED THAT THREATS CUT OFF US AID  
WOULDN'T WORK, EXPLAINED BASIC REASON THAI ATTITUDE AS  
DETESTATION COLONIALISM.

2. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

JOINT TASK FORCE RTG/GOM TROOPS SEIZED COMMUNIST COMMAND  
POST IN S THAILAND; ESTIMATED 200 GUERRILLAS FLED  
(WP 1/30).

3. INDONESIA

ONLY SMALL PART INDO MIL FORCE IN FORMER PORT TIMOR BEING  
WITHDRAWN ALTHO SITUATION CALM THERE ACCORDING MIL SPOKES-  
MAN (REUTER JAKARTA).

4. SINGAPORE

FE ECON REVIEW SINGAPORE CORRESPONDENT FINED 3000 DOLS FOR  
BEING IN POSSESSION "PROTECTED" INFO ABOUT GOS ARMED  
FORCES (WP 1/30).

5. CHINA

NYT REPORTS PEKING NAMES NEW ED MINISTER (LIU HSI-YAO) AND  
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NAMES TWO OTHER OFFICIALS TO PERFORM DUTIES OF CULTURE  
AND SPORTS MINISTERS.

PARADE (WP) SAYS TANGSHAN FLATTENED BY MAJOR EARTHQUAKE  
IN JULY HIT BY ANOTHER MAJOR QUAKE NOV 13. CLAIMS  
CHINESE REFUSE TO REVEAL EXTENT OF LOSSES, POSSIBLY AS  
HIGH AS 500,000 KILLED.

AFP REPORTS PRC-PAK SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT  
SIGNED JAN 30 (WP).

AFP REPORTS ALBANIAN GROUP TRADE GROUP VISITS PEKING (WP).

ITALY'S ANSA REPORTS PRC STEEL PRODUCTION DROPS TO 21  
MILLION TONS IN 1976 (JOC).

BUTTERFIELD (NYT 1/31) PEOPLE'S DAILY ATTRIBUTES DEFICIEN-  
CIES OF CHINESE PRESS TO GANG OF FOUR, PLEDGES MAJOR  
CHANGES AND DEVOTES FRONT PAGE TO LETTERS FROM IRATE  
READERS. APPEARS TO BE PART OF EFFORT BY NEW LEADERSHIP  
TO SHOW NEW SITUATION INPRC WITH GREATER CREATIVITY AND

LIVELINESS TO BE PERMITTED. LEADERSHIP APPEARS TO BE  
DEVOTING MAJOR EFFORT TO IMPROVING ECON SITUATION,

ATTRIBUTING ECON HAVOC ALSO TO GANG OF FOUR.

WSTAR (1/30) SAYS DOS AND FBI INVESTIGATING CHARGES THAT WANG HSING-NAN LURED OUT OF US BY ROC AND KIDNAPPED, ACCORDING TO WIFE'S CLAIMS.

WSJ SAYS CHINESE AND SOVIETS RUMORED TO BE MAKING MAJOR PURCHASE OF PHIL SUGAR.

FUTURES TRADING IN NEW YORK JUMPING. SOVS ESTIMATED TO BE BUYING 600,000 TONS WITH PRC ESTIMATED AT 1 MILLION TONS. SPECULATION SURROUNDS SALES TO MARKETS WHICH CUBA UNCLASSIFIED

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USUALLY DOMINATES. EXPERTS HAVE FEW EXPLANATIONS IN FACE OF GOOD DOMESTIC CROPS IN PRC AND USSR.

#### 6. PHILIPPINES/JAPAN

MARCOS TELLS "YOMIURI SHIMBUN" THAT SOME SEA NATIONS REGARD JAPAN AS MIL THREAT. CALLS ON GOJ GUARANTEE ASEAN AGAINST POSSIBLE SUCH THREAT. ADDS WANTS VISIT TOKYO TO IMPROVE RELS BETW JAPAN/ASEAN AFTER ASEAN SUMMIT, EXPECTED IN AUG. WANTS MOVES REDUCE TRADE IMBALANCE; SAYS IF PHILS EXPORTS DID NOT RISE, WOULD CUT IMPORTS FROM JAPAN (REUTER TOKYO).

JOINT SHIP-REPAIR VENTURE W/KAWASAKI HEAVY IND APPROVED BY MARCOS. TO BE ESTABLISHED 75 MIL NW MANILA (AP, WSJ).

#### 7. JAPAN

GOJ PLANS SEND OFFICIAL MISSION TO WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS NEW US NUKE POLICY/ITS AFFECT ON TOKYO'S NUKE FUEL REQUIREMENTS. CHRMN JAPAN'S ATOMIC ENERGY COMM CONCERNED OVER US PLANS CUT REPROCESSING/RECYCLING PLUTONIUM IN ATTEMPT PREVENT SPREAD NUKE WEAPONS, TOLD FUKUDA MATTER SHOULD BE TAKEN UP W/CARTER SOMETIME IN NEXT FEW MONTHS (CULLISON, JOC).

CANADA/JAPAN FAIL REACH AGREEMENT AFTER 3 DAYS NEGOTS AIMED AT REVISING THEIR ATOMIC ENERGY PACT. NEGOTIATORS TO MEET AGAIN MONDAY IN EXTENDED TALKS (REUTER, WP).

JAMESON (LAT 1/28) COVERS TANAKA TRIAL. REPORTS PROSECUTION ACCUSED TANAKA OF TWICE INVOKING NIXON'S NAME IN SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT PRESSURE ALL NIPPON INTO PURCHASING LOCKHEED JETS; TANAKA CALLED ALLEGATIONS "IRRESPONSIBLE."

AUG (WSTAR 1/29) REPORTS COLUMBIA GAS SYSTEM SEEKING PURCHASE UNCLASSIFIED

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CHASE LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS FROM ALASKAN FIRMS FOR DOMESTIC USE. PRESENTLY, ALL ALASKAN GAS BEING EXPORTED TO JAPAN IN LIQUIFIED FORM.

JAPAN/EGYPT SIGNED AGREEMENT IN TOKYO OVER WEEKEND DESIGNED PROTECT/ENCOURAGE PVT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRY (UPI, JOC).

MALCOLM (NYT 1/30) REVIEWS JAPAN'S ECON SITUATION. NOTES COUNTRY MUST ADJUST TO 6-7 PCT GROWTH AFTER BEING USED TO 10 PCT AND HIGHER. ECONOMY'S FOM SECTOR DOING WELL, THO DOMESTICALLY, STRONG RECOVERY WILL HAVE TO BE BASED ON GOVT SPENDING RATHER THAN PVT SECTOR .

DAHLBY (NYT 1/30) INTERVIEWS SPOKESMEN FROM VARIOUS JAPANESE COLOR TV MFRS, WHO SHRUG OFF US ACCUSATIONS UNFAIR TRADE TACTICS. MITSUBISHI MANAGING DIRECTOR EXPRESSES COMMON SENTIMENT MOST MFRS, SAYS AMERICANS "JUST DON'T MAKE HARD ENOUGH EFFORTS."

HONDA'S AMERICAN/JAPANESE EXECS GATHERED AT WORLD TRADE CENTER RECENTLY TO CELEBRATE HONDA'S SUCCESS IN GAINING 4TH PLACE AMONG BUILDERS OF IMPORT AUTOS SOLD IN US (EWING, WSTAR 1/28).

CANCER INSURANCE FOR JAPANESE PROVING PROFITABLE FOR GEORGIA FIRM. AMERICAN FAMILY CORP SAYS IT HAS SOLD 750,000 POLICIES IN JAPAN IN PAST 2 YRS TO COVER PARTIAL COST HEALTH CARE FOR CANCER VICTIMS/FLAT SUM IN EVENT CANCER DEATH (MONTGOMERY, WSJ).

CSM DOES FULL-PG FOTO LAYOUT SUNDAY VISITORS TO OSAKA CASTLE.

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SUN'S TREWHITT (TOKYO) SAYS VP MONDALE ARRIVED JAPAN TO FIND JAPANESE CONCERN RE GRADUAL US TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM SK WANING IN LIGHT WASH REASSURANCES--PM FUKUDA QUOTED AS SAYING WITHDRAWALS BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN ROK/US. FORMIN HATOYAMA CITED AS TAKING SAME LINE (SUN 1/29).

CARTER ADMIN REPORTEDLY TURNS DOWN ROKG INVITATION FOR MONDALE VISIT KOREA ON BASIS SK HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS/ CURRENT INFLUENCE-PEDDLING PROBES (NYT'S HALLORAN/WSTAR 1/29).

ASST ATTY GEN THORNBURGH, SCHEDULED FOR REPLACEMENT BY

CARTER ADMIN, ASKED DELAY DEPARTURE TILL HIS DIRECTION  
SK BRIBERY SCANDAL COMPLETED (WP 1/29).

SEC HAS EVIDENCE THAT MONEY PAID BY E-SYSTEMS FOR PRIVILEGE  
SELLING MIL EQUIP TO ROK MAY HAVE BEEN USED US TO INFLU-  
ENCE CONGRESSMEN/OTHERS--OVER 1.3 MIL DOLS INVOLVED (WP'S  
ARMSTRONG/BABOCK 1/29).

REP CLEVELAND (R-NH), REPORTED AS AMONG NUMEROUS CONGRESS-  
MEN BEING INVESTIGATED BY JUSTICE FOR "QUESTIONABLE DEAL-  
INGS" W/AGENTS ROKG, WRITES JUSTICE/HOUSE ETHICS CMTE TO  
DENY ANY INVOLVEMENT W/SO-CALLED "KOREAN CONNECTION"  
(AP NYT 1/30).

OFFICIALS OF REV MOON'S NY NEWSPAPER, "THE NEWS WORLD,"  
ACCUSE WP OF TRYING DISCREDIT IT BY PUBLISHING RECENT  
STORY RE "NEWS WORLD'S" ADVERTISING PRACTICES--SAY WILL  
SUE WP. POST SAYS STORY ACCURATE AND WELL-REPORTED (WP  
1/29).

GE OBTAINS 146 MIL DOLS ORDERS FROM KECO FOR 2 COMBINED  
CYCLE POWER PLANS OF 320 MEGAWATTS EACH (UPI WSTAR 1/28).

9. AUSTRALIA  
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FOLLOWING US REPTS THAT CUBA UNABLE FULFILL CONTRACTS TO  
CHINA, AUSSIES HOPE INCREASE SUGAR EXPORTS TO PRC TO  
RECORD LEVELS (JOC).

RECORD 105 DEGREE TEMPS HIT SYDNEY AREA, BRUSHFIRES  
SPREAD. SOUTHERLY BREEZE DROPPED TEMPS 23 DEGREES IN  
1 HR (UPI, WP).

10. PACIFIC ISLANDS

SEIDEN (SUN 1/28) REPORTS RISE IN CRIME AGAINST AMERICANS  
ON SAIPAN. SAYS MAY BE DUE INCREASED CONTACT W/GUAM/  
MAINLAND.

11. GENERAL

KOCH (D-NY), 31 OTHER REPS CALL FOR BAN ON USE US MIL AID  
TO CRUSH REBELLIONS IN OTHER LANDS- WANT ELIMINATE  
"INTERNAL SECURITY" AS BASIS FOR GIVING MIL AID (UPI,  
WSTAR 1/30).

HIRC BEING REORGANIZED ALONG GEOGRAPHIC LINES. NEW  
SUBCMTE INCL INTL OPNS THAT DEALS W/HUMAN RTS/UN, HEADED  
BY REP FRASER (D-MINN) WHO WILL ASK FOR JURISDICTION  
INVESTIGATE SK LOBBY; ASIAN PAC AFFAIRS HEADED BY REP WOLFE  
(D-NY) (OBERDORFER, WP 1/29).

ANDELMAN (NYT 1/30) NOTES ASIA'S LIFEBLOOD STILL COMMODITIES SUCH AS RUBBER/RICE/OIL/TIN/PALM OIL/HARDWOODS/PEPPER. DESCRIBES IMPORTANCE RUBBER TO MALAYSIA/INDONESIA/SINGAPORE/THAILAND.

KEMEZIES (NYT 1/30) NOTES GROWTH IMPORTS LOW-COST SHOES FROM FE, INCL FROM TAIWAN/SK. POINTS TO PROTECTION DEMANDS FROM US FIRMS/UNIONS.

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#### 12. MONDALE TRIP

VP ARRIVED TOKYO SUNDAY IN LAST STOP 9-DAY TOUR (CSM, WSJ). MET W/FUKUDA MONDAY IN "VERY BUSINESSLIKE" TALKS, DURING WHICH PM ACCEPTED INVITATION VISIT WASHINGTON 3/21-22. HOUR-AND-A-HALF MTG DEALT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY W/ECONOMICS, AND OFFICIALS TRAVELING W/VP EXPECT TODAY'S 2ND MTG DEAL WITH STRATEGIC/POL ISSUES, POSSIBLY INCLUDING CARTER'S PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL US GROUND TROOPS FROM SK. MEMBERS MONDALE'S PARTY SAID THROUGHOUT SESSION VP STRESSED PRES' DESIRE "REFRAIN FROM SURPRISES AND CONSULT CLOSELY" W/JAPANESE ON ALL ISSUES "MUTUAL CONCERN." VP ALSO TOLD FUKUDA US WILL SOON NAME "HIGH CALIBER" AMB TO JAPAN, ALTHOUGH DIPLOMAT NOT YET PICKED. DURING DINNER TOAST AT PM'S RESIDENCE, VP MADE REFERENCE TO "RECONCILIATION WITH FORMER ADVERSARIES." OFFICIALS SAID REFERENCE WAS TO ADMIN'S DESIRE CONTINUE IMPLEMENT SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, HOPING MOVE TOWARD "NORMALIZATION" W/VN IF MIA QUESTION COULD BE RESOLVED (ARVIDSON, UPI).

WIEGHART (NYDN) REPORTS UPON ARRIVAL TOKYO AIRPORT, MONDALE STATED HE MADE 19-HR JOURNEY FROM PARIS "TO REAFFIRM OUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT" IN PAC/ASIAN REGION. NYT ADDS VP SPENT SEVERAL HOURS ON TOKYO FLIGHT CONFERRING W/TEAM ASIAN ADVISORS, INCL EA ASST-SEC DESIGNATE HOLBROOKE/DEP ASST SECDEF FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS ABRAMOWITZ.

BRODER (WP 1/30) REPORTS DOS OFFICIALS TRAVELING W/MONDALE SAY THEY "DO NOT KNOW" OF REQUEST, RUMORED IN WASHINGTON, THAT SK PUT OUT FEELERS FOR VP VISIT SEOUL. NOTED SK REANS "VERY CONCERNED" TRIP WILL BE BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATED PROCESS BEHIND THEIR BACK, BUT ADDED "THAT IS NOT THE CASE."

WEINRAUB (NYT) KEEPS JOURNAL ON MONDALE'S TRIP; NOTES VP GAINED 1ST FULL-LENGTH REST OF TRIP--8 HRS--ON PARIS-TOKYO FLIGHT.

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#### 13. JAPAN

ADVOCATING "MULTINATIONAL COPPERATIVE ARSENAL FOR DEMOCRACY," MCGARRAH (CSM) NOTES RAND CORP STUDY FOR USAF FOUND THAT GOJ INCREASED ITS FUNDING/PROCUREMENT F-104-J AIRCRAFT BY 20 PCT DUE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR JAPANESE FIRMS PARTICIPATE W/US FIRMS IN PRODUCTION.

14. PHILIPPINES

MATHEWS (WP 1/30) DOES MARCOS PROFILE. QUOTES CRITIC THAT MARCOS "HAS THE POTENTIAL" FOR GOING WAY PARK HAS GONE IN SK, OR EVEN WAY FRANCO WENT IN SPAIN. MATHEWS DISCUSSES MARCOS' "CHARMED LIFE," SAYS BY EARLY TWENTIES, WAS NATL FOLK HERO--"HEADY MIX OF ANGELA DAVIS AND AUDIE MURPHY." STATES MARCOS APPEARS "PERSONALLY CONVINCED" THAT HE HAS RULED BENEVOLENTLY, AND SUPPORTERS, WHILE ACKNOLWEDGING "PEOPLE ARE GETTING RIPPED OFF," NOTE AT LEAST HARBORS/ROADS GETTING BUILT, ECONOMY LOOKING UP. MATHEWS CONCLUDES MARCOS' "MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM" IS US, WHICH WORRIES ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, HAS HOLD OVER VAST AMTS PHIL LAND/TRADE/SYMPATHY.

15. AUSTRALIA

AUSSIE JOURNALIST STACKHOUSE (NYT 1/30) CITES STRONG PEN-WIELDING POWERS OF AUSSIE POL CARTOONISTS. NOTES TREASURER LYNCH HAS BECOME SCAPEGOAT FOR COUNTRY'S ECON ILLS, INCL 4.6 PCT UNEMPLOYMENT/17.5 PCT CURRENCY DEVALUATION. REMARKS NATION'S ECON HEALTH LARGELY DEPENDENT ON WORLD ECON RECOVERY, AS AUSTRALIA DEPENDS TO LARGE DEGREE ON RAW MATERIALS EXPORTS.

16. KOREA

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NYT'S MARRO (1/30) DOES FULL-PG PIECE RE SAD STATE CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS/NEED FOR BASIC REFORMS. CITES SK INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL AS ONE EXAMPLE WHERE CONFLICTS INTEREST, CRIMINAL CONDUCT, AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT APPARENTLY CAME TOGETHER.

NYT'S SHIM JAE HOON WRITES FROM SEOUL (1/30) OF STRENGTH OF ROK ECON/ROKG PLANS FOR MORE PRODUCTION/EXPORTS IN 1977.

"PARADE" MAG (WP 1/30) CARRIES ITEM ABOUT ROK ROLE AS MAJOR OVERSEAS BUILDER, PARTICULARLY IN ME--NOTES LAST YRS' CONTRACTS WORTH ALMOST 3 BILL DOLS. STATES "DILIGENT" SK WORKERS "WIDELY ADMIRERD" IN ME. .

NYT (1/30) FEATURE RE "NEW GIANT" CITIES AROUND GLOBE INCLUDES SEOUL--TOUCHES ON URBAN PROBLEMS POLLUTION,

TRAFFIC, OVERCROWDING, ETC.

"PARADE" MAG (WP 1/30) REHASHES LAST FALL'S SMUGGLING/  
BLACKMARKETING ACTIVITIES NK DIPLOMATS. TAKES LINE  
ACTIONS NOT FOR PERSONAL GAIN, BUT DUE DESPERATE NEED FX  
BY NK, WHICH "RAPIDLY GOING BROKE."

17. INDOCHINA

NYT CARRIES 3 LTRS ON SUBJECT HEALING WAR'S WOUNDS. JOAN  
BAEZ SAYS KEEPING HER NAME ON APPEAL TO VN ON HUMAN RTS  
THO MAY BE SOME DOUBT ABOUT POL PRISONERS, SINCE SHE WOULD  
RATHER ERR IN OFFENDING GOVT OFFICIALS THAN MISS CHANCE  
HELP PRISONER. LE THI ANH TAKES REV WEBBER OF CALC TO  
TASK FOR WANTING RETURN RED-CARPET TREATMENT RECEIVED IN  
HANOI; POINTS OUT TO HIM THAT 140,000 VIETS ENTERED US  
WHO CAN GIVE FIRST-HAND TESTIMONY ABOUT CONDITIONS IN VN;  
BELIEVES WEBBER PREFERS LIVE W/COMFORTABLE MYTH COMMUNISTS  
HAVE BUILT FOR HIM; APPLAUDS GROUP THAT SENT LTR ON HUMAN  
RTS IN VN. VO NHU TOAN COMMENTS ON COLBY'S ARTICLE;  
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QUESTIONS STATEMENT THAT REFUGEES WELL-RECEIVED/BECOMING  
PRODUCTIVE IN US; ACCUSES COLBY OF TRYING BUILD "FAKE"  
ISSUES OF HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS/FUTURE VIET EMIGRATION AS  
OBSTACLE TO HEALING WAR'S WOUNDS.

SEVERAL ANTIWAR ACTIVISTS, INCL DAVID DELLINGER/DON LUCE/  
JOHN MCAULIFF/GRACE PALEY/REV WEBBER/CORA WEISS PLACE  
OPEN LTR IN QTR-PG AD IN NYT (1/30) DECLARING VN HAS  
PEACE W/O BLOODBATH. SAY US SHOULD RECOGNIZE ACHIEVEMENT.  
CALL ON PRES TO OPEN NEGOTS W/HANOI/SUPPORT VN ADMISSION  
TO UN/LIFT TRADE EMBARGO/ESTABLISH DIPLO RELS/PARDON  
DESERTERS; ALSO, CONGRESS SHOULD GIVE AID TO VN.

MCGRORY (WSTAR 1/28) BELIEVES PRES CARTER MAY BE SUGGEST-  
ING TIME HAS COME ADMIT VN WAR WAS MISTAKE.

MCBRIDE (CSM) TELLS OF PROF HUYNH SANH THONG WHO WORKS  
ON 1ST COMPREHENSIVE VIET-ENG DICTIONARY. NOTES IS 1 OF  
SEVERAL VN RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN US AS WE MOVE  
CLOSER TO REOPENING DIPL.TRADE/CULTURAL RELS W/VN. CALLS  
IT IRONIC THAT SUPPORT FOR SEA STUDIES DECLINING AT US  
UNIVS.

FULLER (SUN 1/30) REVIEWS EMERSON'S "WINNERS AND LOSERS,"  
NOTES AUTHOR HAS NOT GOTTEN OVER VN/IS OUTRAGED THAT  
ANYONE ELSE HAS.

18. THAILAND

ANDELMAN (NYT 1/30) DESCRIBES GOLD BUSINESS IN BANGKOK,



CONTROLLED BY HALF-DOZEN CHINESE FAMILIES.

19. CHINA

REUTER (WP 1/30) DESCRIBES RESPECT BEING PAID MAO BY VISITORS TO BIRTHPLACE.  
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FORMER PROF CHANG OF NANKAI U WRITES TO NYT (1/30) TO REVIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PEKING, STATES SITUATION HIGHLY COMPLEX/DIFFICULT ASSESS. CONCLUDES NO REAL EXPERTS ON CHINA; ONLY VARYING DEGREES IGNORANCE. ADVISES US NOT RUSH INTO THE ACT.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT 1/30) LOOKS OVER TRADE W/PRC, HOPES FOR INCREASE. YING (NYT 1/30) DESCRIBES REASON/PROBLEMS FOR TAIWAN ECON SUCCESS; FINDS WILL TO COMPETE.

20. GENERAL

CSM REPRINTS NYT EDIT RE VANCE'S IDEAS ON US COVERT ACTIVITIES. SECSTATE STATES THEY SHOULD BE LIMITED TO "MOST EXTRAORDINARILY CIRCUMSTANCES," AND WHEN USED, APPROVED BY CMTE OF SECSTATE/SECDEF/ATTY GENERAL/NSA ADVISOR, TOPPED W/EXPRESS PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL.

21. ADD COMMENT - KOREA

WSTAR'S SARRO (1/30) DISCUSSES PROBLEMS HOUSE ETHICS CMTE WILL FACE AS IT ORGANIZES TO CONDUCT PROBE SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING. NEED FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING/STAFFING UNDERLINED SO CMTE INVESTIGATION WON'T APPEAR/BE "WHITEWASH."  
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